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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 SHENZHEN SMOORE
TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.,
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12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 A&A GLOBAL IMPORTS, INC.

15 Defendant.
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Case No. 2:22-cv-8014

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

2 Plaintiff Shenzhen Smoore Technology Co., Ltd. (“Smoore” or “Plaintiff”),
3 by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully alleges, states, and prays as
4 follows:

5 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

6 1. This is an action for patent infringement under the Patent Laws of the
7 United States, Title 35 United States Code, §§ 271 and 281, *et seq.* against A&A
8 Global Imports, Inc. d/b/a Marijuana Packaging, MarijuanaPackaging.com, and
9 RAEvapes.com (“A&A Global” or “Defendant”), for infringing and profiting, in
10 an illegal and unauthorized manner, and without authorization and/or consent from
11 Plaintiff for U.S. Patent Nos. 10,791,762 (“’762 Patent”), 10,791,763 (“’763
12 Patent”), D817,544 (“D544 Patent”), and D853,635 (“D635 Patent”, together with
13 the ’762 Patent, ’763 Patent, and D544 Patent, collectively the “Patents-in-Suit”)
14 which are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, respectively, and incorporated herein by
15 reference, and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271, to recover damages, attorneys’ fees and
16 costs.

17 **PARTIES**

18 2. Plaintiff Shenzhen Smoore Technology Limited is a corporation
19 organized under the laws of China having its principal place of business at Block
20 16, Dongcai Industry Park, Gushu Village, Bao’an District, Shenzhen, China.

21 3. Upon information and belief, A&A Global Imports, Inc. (“A&A
22 Global”) is a California corporation with a principal office street address at 3359
23 East 50th Street, Vernon, CA 90058. Upon information and belief, Defendant has
24 conducted and continue to conduct business in this judicial district, such as
25 marketing and sales to the customers located in this district.

26 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27 4. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws
28 of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1, *et seq.*

1 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case pursuant to 28
2 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

3 6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant by
4 Defendant's residing in this district, its systematic and continuous business and
5 acts of patent infringement and/or has induced acts of patent infringement by
6 others in this district and/or has contributed to patent infringement by others in this
7 district, the State of California and elsewhere in the United States.

8 7. Defendant is subject to this Court's specific and general jurisdiction
9 pursuant to their substantial business in this forum, including (i) at least part of
10 their past infringing activities alleged herein; (ii) regularly doing or soliciting
11 business; (iii) driving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to
12 customers in this district; and (iv) they are incorporated in this district.

13 8. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) and/or
14 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) through Defendant's residence, acts of infringement, and/or
15 regular and established place of business in this district.

16 **THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT**

17 **A. The '762 Patent**

18 9. On October 6, 2020, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent
19 No. 10,791,762 (the "'762 Patent"), entitled "Electronic cigarette and method for
20 manufacturing atomizing assembly thereof" after a full and fair examination. The
21 '762 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein as if fully
22 rewritten.

23 10. The '762 Patent has 14 claims, including two independent claims (1,
24 11), and 12 dependent claims (2-10, 12-14). Plaintiff is asserting claims 1, 2, and 7
25 against Defendant, whose accused products infringe these claims literally or under
26 the doctrine of equivalents.

1 **B. The '763 Patent**

2 11. On October 6, 2020, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent
3 No. 10,791,763 (the "'763 Patent"), entitled "Atomizer capable of preventing
4 liquid leakage caused by air inside a liquid reservoir and electronic cigarette with
5 the same" after a full and fair examination. The '763 Patent is attached hereto as
6 **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein as if fully rewritten.

7 12. The '763 Patent has 20 claims, including two independent claims (1,
8 11), and 18 dependent claims (2-10, 12-20). Plaintiff is asserting claims 1 and 11
9 against Defendant, whose accused products infringe the referenced claims literally
10 or under the doctrine of equivalents.

11 **C. The D544 Patent**

12 13. On May 8, 2018, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No.
13 D817,544 (the "D544 Patent"), entitled "Atomizer for electronic cigarette" after a
14 full and fair examination. The D544 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and
15 incorporated herein as if fully rewritten.

16 14. The D544 Patent has 1 claim. Plaintiff is asserting this claim against
17 Defendant, whose accused products infringe the referenced claims literally or
18 under the doctrine of equivalents.

19 **D. The D635 Patent**

20 15. On July 9, 2019, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No.
21 D853,635 (the "D635 Patent"), entitled "Atomizer for electronic cigarette" after a
22 full and fair examination. The D635 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and
23 incorporated herein as if fully rewritten.

24 16. The D635 Patent has 1 claim. Plaintiff is asserting this claim against
25 Defendant, whose accused products infringe the referenced claims literally or
26 under the doctrine of equivalents.

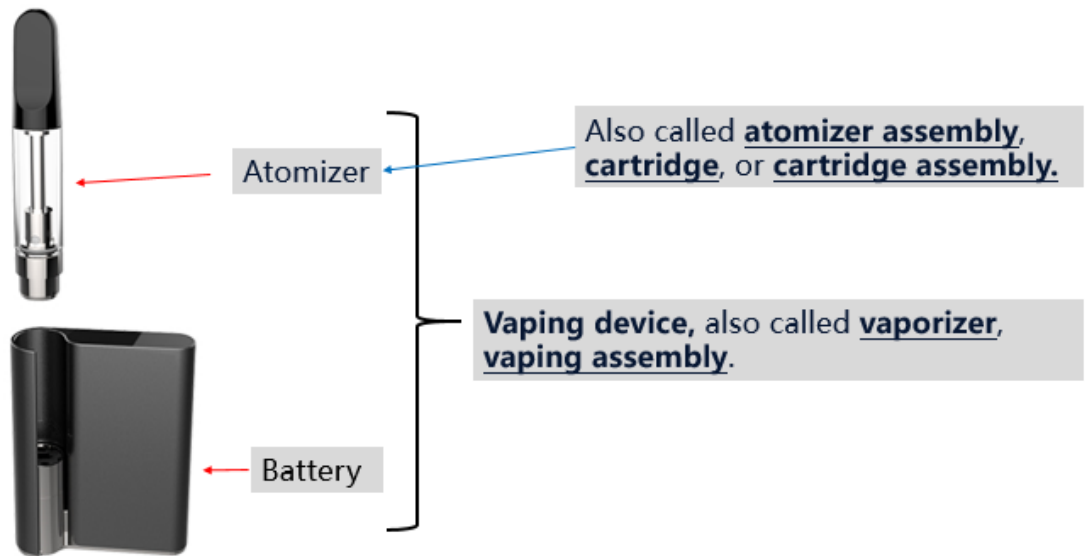
27 17. Plaintiff is the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title and interest
28 in the '762, '763, D544, and D635 Patents and holds the exclusive right to take all

1 actions necessary to enforce its rights to the Patents-in-Suit, including the filing of
2 this patent infringement action, recovery all damages for past, present, and future
3 infringement of the Patents-in-Suit and to seek injunctive relief as appropriate
4 under the law.

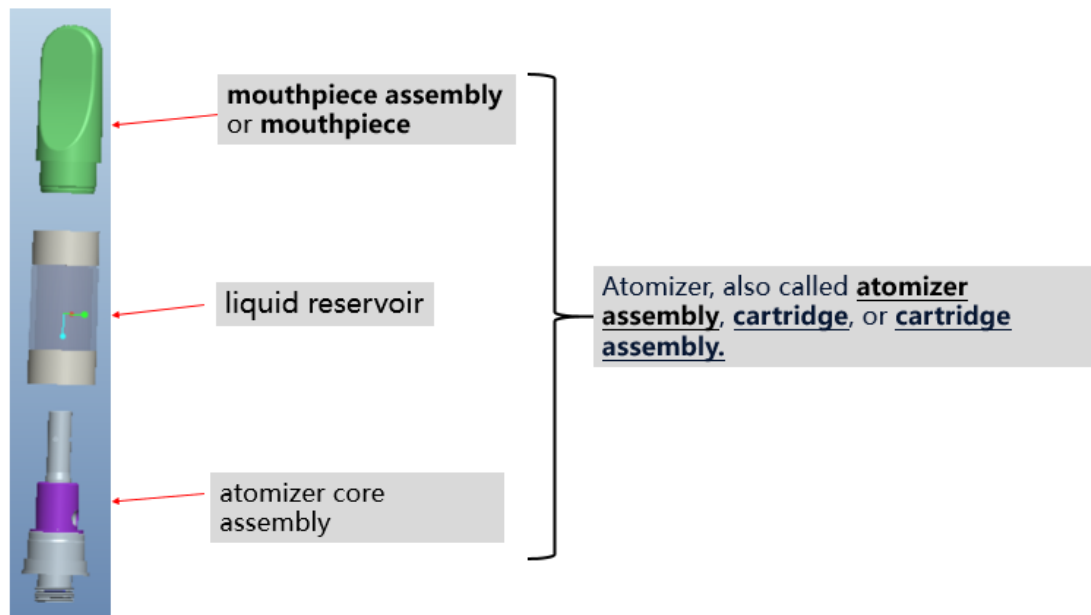
5 **DEFENDANT'S PRODUCTS**

6 18. During the enforceability period of the Patents-in-Suit, Defendant
7 offers and continues to offer for sale oil-vaping cartridges having a liquid reservoir
8 for containing a vaporizable oil. The components include a liquid reservoir and an
9 atomizer coil assembly, as illustrated in Drawing 2 below. These components can
10 be assembled together with mouthpieces to make atomizers (a/k/a atomizer
11 assembly, cartridges or cartridge assembly), and then further assembled with a
12 battery or other power source to form vaping devices (a/k/a vaporizer, vaping
13 assembly) that are used in or comprise Defendant's Accused Products for vaping
14 purposes, where the cartridges, mouthpieces, and batteries are all offered for sale
15 by Defendant for assembly and use together. The drawings below provide a
16 detailed illustration of the technologies. The Accused Products are sold in this
17 district by or on behalf of Defendant. A non-limiting set of claim charts comparing
18 exemplars of Accused Products to claims 1, 2, 7 of the '762 Patent, and 1, 11 of the
19 '763 Patent; as well as the sole design claim of each of the D544 Patent and D635
20 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and is incorporated herein as if fully
21 rewritten, including that GoodCarts cartridges are shown as exemplars of the
22 accused AVD and GoodCarts products because they are essentially identical in all
23 respects relevant to the asserted claims of the '762 Patent; noting that the RAE
24 products are shown separately—being accused upon information and belief of
25 infringing the '762, D544, and D635 Patents in each count below based upon the
26 information available from Defendant's websites at raevapes.com and
27 marijuanapackaging.com/collections/rae-vapes as of the date of this Complaint. If
28 any additional infringing products are identified by Plaintiff during this case,

Plaintiff will amend the listing of Accused Products accordingly. This case and any remedy should extend to all of Defendant's infringing products.



Drawing 1: illustration of atomizer (a/k/a atomizer assembly, cartridge, cartridge assembly) and vaping device (a/k/a vaporizer or vaping assembly)



Drawing 2: illustration of mouthpiece (a/k/a mouthpiece assembly), liquid reservoir, atomizer coil assembly and atomizer (a/k/a atomizer assembly, cartridge, or cartridge assembly)

1 19. Upon information and belief, Defendant's Accused Products include
 2 at least AVD Glass Vape Cartridges, AVD Plastic Vape Cartridges, AVD All
 3 Ceramic Cartridges, GoodCarts Glass Vape Cartridges, GoodCarts Plastic Vape
 4 Cartridges, and RAE (Refined Atomizer Engineering) 510-Threaded Connection
 5 Ceramic Core Cartridges.

6 **COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '762 PATENT**

7 20. Paragraphs 1 through 19 are incorporated by reference as if fully set
 8 forth herein.

9 21. Plaintiff has not licensed or otherwise authorized Defendant to make,
 10 test, use, offer for sale, sell, or import any products that embody the inventions of
 11 the '762 Patent.

12 22. Defendant has had knowledge of infringement of the '762 Patent at
 13 least as of their receipt of Smoore's cease and desist letter dated September 8,
 14 2021, for the AVD and GoodCarts Accused Products.

15 23. As shown in **Exhibit B**, Defendant has infringed and continue to
 16 knowingly and intentionally directly infringe the '762 Patent, including at least
 17 claims 1, 2, and 7, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, without authority
 18 and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by making, testing, using, offering for sale,
 19 selling, and/or importing into the United States products that satisfy each and every
 20 limitation of one or more claims of the '762 Patent, including the AVD,
 21 GoodCarts, and RAE products identified in **Exhibit B**, which includes at least
 22 product names/numbers from marijuanapackaging.com as follows: AVD
 23 California Universal Symbol Glass Vape Cartridge with 2mm Aperture (44338-
 24 CA, 44337-CA, 44334-CA, 44333-CA), AVD All Ceramic Vape Cartridge with
 25 1.5mm Aperture (45775), AVD Glass Vape Cartridge with 1mm Aperture (44346),
 26 AVD Glass Vape Cartridge with 2mm Aperture (44441, 44440, 44338, 44337),
 27 AVD Plastic Vape Cartridge with 2mm Aperture (44333, 44334), AVD Plastic
 28 Vape Cartridge with 1mm Aperture (44343, 44344), AVD GoodCarts Glass Vape

1 Cartridge with 2mm Aperture (45952, 45953), AVD GoodCarts Plastic Vape
2 Cartridge with 2mm Aperture (45948, 45949), and RAE Ceramic Core Glass
3 Vape Cartridge w/ 2mm Aperture (46341, 46408, 46333, 46407, 46349, 46340,
4 46332, 46348).

5 24. Defendant has infringed and continue to indirectly infringe one or
6 more claims of the '762 Patent by knowingly and intentionally inducing others,
7 including customers and end-users, to directly infringe, literally or under the
8 doctrine of equivalents, by making, using, testing, offering to sell, selling and/or
9 importing into the United States products that include infringing technology
10 protected by the '762 Patent, which are not staple articles nor commodities of
11 commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use.

12 25. Defendant induced infringement by others, including customers and
13 end users, with the intent to cause infringing acts by others or, in the alternative,
14 with the belief that there was a high probability that others, including customers
15 and end users, infringe the '762 Patent, but remaining willfully blind to the
16 infringement.

17 26. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '762 Patent, Plaintiff
18 has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgement in an
19 amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's past infringement, together with
20 interests and costs.

21 27. Plaintiff's **Exhibit B** is for the purpose of meeting the notice
22 requirements of Rule 8(a)(2) of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure and the
23 Plaintiff is not estopped by any infringement contention or claim construction
24 proposed by the claim charts that it provides with this Complaint.

25 **COUNT II: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '763 PATENT**

26 28. Paragraphs 1 through 27 are incorporated by reference as if fully set
27 forth herein.
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1 29. Plaintiff has not licensed or otherwise authorized Defendant to make,
2 test, use, offer for sale, sell, or import any products that embody the inventions of
3 the '763 Patent.

4 30. Defendant has had knowledge of infringement of the '763 Patent at
5 least as of their receipt of Smoore's cease and desist letter dated September 8,
6 2021.

7 31. As shown in **Exhibit B**, Defendant has infringed and continue to
8 knowingly and intentionally directly infringe the '763 Patent, including at least
9 claims 1 and 11, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, without authority
10 and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by making, testing, using, offering for sale,
11 selling, and/or importing into the United States products that satisfy each and every
12 limitation of one or more claims of the '763 Patent, including the AVD and
13 GoodCarts products identified in **Exhibit B**, which includes at least AVD Plastic
14 Vape Cartridge with 2mm Aperture (44333, 44334), AVD Plastic Vape Cartridge
15 with 1mm Aperture (44343, 44344), and AVD GoodCarts Plastic Vape Cartridge
16 with 2mm Aperture (45948, 45949).

17 32. Defendant has infringed and continue to indirectly infringe one or
18 more claims of the '763 Patent by knowingly and intentionally inducing others,
19 including customers and end-users, to directly infringe, literally or under the
20 doctrine of equivalents, by making, using, testing, offering to sell, selling and/or
21 importing into the United States products that include infringing technology
22 protected by the '763 Patent, which are not staple articles nor commodities of
23 commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use.

24 33. Defendant induced infringement by others, including customers and
25 end users, with the intent to cause infringing acts by others or, in the alternative,
26 with the belief that there was a high probability that others, including customers
27 and end users, infringe the '763 Patent, but remaining willfully blind to the
28 infringement.

1 34. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '763 Patent, Plaintiff
2 has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgement in an
3 amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's past infringement, together with
4 interests and costs.

5 35. Plaintiff's **Exhibit B** is for the purpose of meeting the notice
6 requirements of Rule 8(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the
7 Plaintiff is not estopped by any infringement contention or claim construction
8 proposed in the claim charts that it provides with this Complaint.

9 **COUNT III: INFRINGEMENT OF THE D544 PATENT**

10 36. Paragraphs 1 through 35 are incorporated by reference as if fully set
11 forth herein

12 37. Plaintiff has not licensed or otherwise authorized Defendant to make,
13 test, use, offer for sale, sell, or import any products that embody the inventions of
14 the D544 Patent.

15 38. Defendant has had knowledge of infringement of the D544 Patent at
16 least as of their receipt of Smoore's cease and desist letter dated September 8,
17 2021.

18 39. As shown in **Exhibit B**, Defendant has infringed and continue to
19 knowingly and intentionally directly infringe the D544 Patent, literally or under the
20 doctrine of equivalents, without authority and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by
21 making, testing, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United
22 States products (under the brand name RAE) that satisfy each and every limitation
23 of the D544 Patent, and that would deceive an ordinary purchaser by inducing
24 purchase of the accused device supposing it to embody the patented design.

25 40. Defendant has infringed and continue to indirectly infringe the D544
26 Patent by knowingly and intentionally inducing others, including customers and
27 end-users, to directly infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by
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1 making, using, testing, offering to sell, selling and/or importing into the United
2 States products that including infringing design protected D544 Patent.

3 41. To the extent that an Accused Product is sold in a not-yet-assembled
4 form with components (i.e., mouthpiece, liquid reservoir, atomizer core assembly)
5 that would directly infringe the D544 patent when assembled by a party other than
6 Defendant, Defendant induced infringement by others, including customers and
7 end users, with the intent to cause infringing acts by others or, in the alternative,
8 with the belief that there was a high probability that others, including customers
9 and end users, infringe the D544 Patent, but remaining willfully blind to the
10 infringement.

11 42. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the D544 Patent, Plaintiff
12 has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgement in an
13 amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's past infringement under 35 U.S.C.
14 § 284, together with interest and costs, or the total profit for each infringing
15 product under 35 U.S.C. § 289.

16 43. Plaintiff's **Exhibit B** is for the purpose of meeting the notice
17 requirements of Rule 8(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the
18 Plaintiff is not estopped by any infringement contention or claim construction
19 proposed by the claim charts that it provides with this Complaint.

20 **COUNT IV: INFRINGEMENT OF THE D635 PATENT**

21 44. Paragraphs 1 through 43 are incorporated by reference as if fully set
22 forth herein

23 45. Plaintiff has not licensed or otherwise authorized Defendant to make,
24 test, use, offer for sale, sell, or import any products that embody the inventions of
25 the D635 Patent.

26 46. Defendant has had knowledge of infringement of the D635 Patent at
27 least as of their receipt of Smoore's cease and desist letter dated September 8,
28 2021.

1 47. As shown in **Exhibit B**, Defendant has infringed and continue to
2 knowingly and intentionally directly infringe the D635 Patent, literally or under the
3 doctrine of equivalents, without authority and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by
4 making, testing, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing into the United
5 States products (under the brand name RAE) that satisfy each and every limitation
6 of the D635 Patent, and that would deceive an ordinary purchaser by inducing
7 purchase of the accused device supposing it to embody the patented design.

8 48. Defendant has infringed and continue to indirectly infringe the D635
9 Patent by knowingly and intentionally inducing others, including customers and
10 end-users, to directly infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by
11 making, using, testing, offering to sell, selling and/or importing into the United
12 States products that including infringing design protected by the D635 Patent.

13 49. To the extent that an Accused Product is sold in a not-yet-assembled
14 form with components (i.e., mouthpiece, liquid reservoir, atomizer core assembly)
15 that would directly infringe the D635 patent when assembled by a party other than
16 Defendant. Defendant induced infringement by others, including customers and
17 end users, with the intent to cause infringing acts by others or, in the alternative,
18 with the belief that there was a high probability that others, including customers
19 and end users, infringe the D635 Patent, but remaining willfully blind to the
20 infringement.

21 50. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the D635 Patent, Plaintiff
22 has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgement in an
23 amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's past infringement under 35 U.S.C.
24 § 284, together with interest and costs, or the total profit for each infringing
25 product under 35 U.S.C. § 289.

26 51. Plaintiff's **Exhibit B** is for the purpose of meeting the notice
27 requirements of Rule 8(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the
28 Plaintiff is not estopped by any infringement contention or claim construction

1 proposed by the claim charts that it provides with this Complaint, where “Accused
 2 Products” are identified by way of example in those claim charts, where only the
 3 ’762 Patent is asserted against all Accused Products, and the remaining Patents-in-
 4 Suit are asserted against fewer than all products as apparent from externally-visible
 5 features, and set forth above and in the claim charts, where all rights are reserved
 6 to accuse Defendant’s other infringing products under the patent(s) that cover each.

7 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

8 52. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of any and all causes of action.

9 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

10 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- 11 a. That Defendant be adjudged to have infringed one or more of the
- 12 claims of the ’762 Patent directly (literally and/or under the doctrine
- 13 of equivalents) and/or indirectly;
- 14 b. That Defendant be adjudged to have infringed one or more of the
- 15 claims of the ’763 Patent directly (literally and/or under the doctrine
- 16 of equivalents) and/or indirectly;
- 17 c. That Defendant be adjudged to have infringed the claim of the D544
- 18 Patent directly (literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents)
- 19 and/or indirectly;
- 20 d. That Defendant be adjudged to have infringed the claim of the D635
- 21 Patent directly (literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents)
- 22 and/or indirectly;
- 23 e. An accounting of all infringing sales and damages including, without
- 24 limitation, those sales and damages not presented at trial;
- 25 f. An award of all damages to which Smoore is entitled under 35 U.S.C.
- 26 § 284 for all past and continuing infringement, including without
- 27 limitation, at least reasonable royalties and/or, with respect to the
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1 D544 and D635 patents, the total profit for each infringing product
2 under 35 U.S.C. § 289;

3 g. An award of enhanced damages in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284
4 as a result of Defendant's knowing and willful infringement;

5 h. A finding that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and an
6 award of all of Plaintiff's attorneys' fees incurred in connection with
7 this case;

8 i. An assessment of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs
9 against Defendant and an award of such interest and costs in
10 accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284; and

11 j. The Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as this Court may
12 deem just and proper.

13 Respectfully submitted,

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15 Dated: November 2, 2022

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